

Nancy's News

October Issue

Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle



Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

I'm convinced that we live in the best part of the world, but now we can cite three more reasons for civic pride and here they are:

Top Walking City

Prevention Magazine, in conjunction with the American Podiatric Medical Association, has named San Jose one of America's top walking cities. The #8 ranking (out of 100) was based on safe streets, beautiful places to walk, mild weather and good air quality.

1. Percentage of population that walks for exercise:
2. Use of mass transit
3. Parks per square mile
4. Points of interest per square mile
5. Average winter/summer temperatures
6. Percentage of athletic shoe buyers

San Jose also features a naturally level terrain and an extensive urban trail system-all conducive to walking.

GO Green Award

On November 3rd, the City of San Jose will also be given the prestigious International Go Green City of the Year Award at the Go Green Initiative Earth Summit Awards Dinner.

The San Jose Go Green Schools Program of the City of San Jose Environmental Services Department fosters school recycling and environmental stewardship in a parent and community driven process in partnership with the Go Green Initiative.

SJGG Staff provide K-12 public and private schools in San Jose with free recycling supplies and other green resources. SJGG helps schools start and expand recycling programs, conservations measures, environmental education, green buying, school gardens and other environmental practices through on-campus assistance, an annual conference and a Resource Directory.

Go San Jose-Go Green!

San Jose is 3rd in nation in per capita income, says SF Chronicle

- Average Bay Area pay in 2006 was 19% above the national average, the highest in the nation.
- San Francisco-Oakland posted per capita income of \$52,543 in 2005 second in the nation. San Jose was third at \$50,468. The highest area is "southwestern Connecticut the hedge fund capitol of the universe". Please note San Jose is the #1 city.

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Councilmember Nancy Pyle stands with dignitaries from the city of Tallinn in the country of Estonia in Northern Europe. Visiting the City of San Jose were Deputy Mayor Jaanus Mutli, Development Programs Coordinator Ingrid Hindrikson, and Head of the City Enterprise Board Kairi Teniste.

Estonia, officially the **Republic of Estonia**, is a country in Northern Europe. Estonia has land borders to the south with Latvia and to the east with Russia. It is separated from Finland in the north by the Gulf of Finland and from Sweden in the west by the Baltic Sea. Estonia has been a member of the European Union since 1 May 2004 and of NATO since 29 March 2004.

- Output of goods and services in the region's three main metro areas was about \$370 billion in 2005, roughly 3% of total US Gross Domestic Product.
- San Francisco and San Jose were respectively 25th and 36th in the pace of job creation among 200 US metro areas in the year ending March 2007, a dramatic turnaround from the beginning of the decade.

Happy October to all,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Citywide Update

• Operation Safe Passage

Last month, the Police Department successfully conducted the first Operation Safe Passage of the school year. During the weeklong campaign, over 300 officers conducted traffic enforcement at and/or near 211 schools throughout the City. The school-related traffic enforcement actions resulted in the issuance of 1,007 citations, 303 warnings, 18 vehicles impounded and 11 drivers arrested. In addition, five radar display trailers were deployed at 25 schools throughout the City, adding an educational component to the department's enforcement campaign by reminding motorists of the 25 M.P.H. speed limit requirements in school zones. The next campaign will take place in January 2008.

• Rent Here Teach Here Pilot Program

As of last month, the contract agreement providing \$100,000 toward the "Rent Here Teach Here Pilot Program" between the San Jose Education Foundation (SJEF) and the City has been signed by all parties. The program is designed to provide an incentive to attract new teachers to establish careers and homes in San Jose. The contract agreement contains provisions to ensure that the grant recipients comply with the low and moderate-income funding restrictions associated with the City's funding source. With combined funding sources, up to 54 teachers will receive grants of up to \$5,000 for rent and security deposits.

• Walk to End Domestic Violence

The City's 10th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence will be held on Friday, October 26th, 2007 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Denise Brown will be the featured speaker at this event. The program will consist of a Victim's Tribute, a 1.8 mile Walk Procession through Downtown, and a Community lunch and resource fair in the Rotunda. October is also National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

• Encampment Outreach Efforts

On September 12th, Housing Department staff partnered with Officers from the Metro Unit of the San Jose Police Department, EHC Lifebuilders, Catholic Charities, New Directions, and the County Departments of Mental Health, Drugs

Make An Impact in District 10!



Thinking of ways to get involved in our community? For more information please contact the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910

Help Shape the Future of San Jose!

Envision San Jose 2040

Join a community discussion and determine the future of San Jose for you and your children. What is important to you about the future of San Jose? Is it jobs, affordable housing, parks, transportation, the environment? All of these issues and many more will be part of the process to update the City's plan, called the General Plan. The General Plan determines the City's future character and the quality of life over the next 30 years.

Attend the upcoming Envision San Jose 2040 Community Workshop on Saturday, October 13th 2007 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at San Jose City Hall (200 E. Santa Clara St.) in the Council Chambers. Free parking will be provided under City Hall (enter on South 6th Street).

To RSVP, please call 535-7908 or e-mail Justina Chang at justina.chang@sanjoseca.gov

Join Councilmember Pyle at District 10's Greenprint Update Follow-up Community Meeting!

Thursday, October 18th
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Almaden Library & Community Center
(6445 Camden Ave.)

The Greenprint is the City's 20-Year Strategic Plan for Parks, Community Facilities and Programs. The Greenprint is a guide for City staff and policy makers in the day to day decision making process, which provides opportunities to improve resident health and wellness through parks, recreational programs and facilities.

and Alcohol Rehabilitation to reach out to homeless residents living in approximately seven encampment sites along the Guadalupe River, Coyote Creek, and in areas adjacent to highways 280 and 101. Outreach workers connected with a total of 28 unhoused persons who were offered shelter, bus tokens, other assistance and resources, and gift bags. This event outreach team is planning for future visits to encampments.

- **Mineta San Jose International Airport Update**

Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) continues to perform better than most airports across the country, despite a six-year nationwide trend of deteriorating airline on-time performance. SJC remains the best choice for travelers wanting their best shot at arriving and departing on-time at the three major Bay Area airports, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent monthly Air Travel Consumer Report for July 2007. At SJC, 20 percent of arrivals were late in July, compared to 32 percent of flights arriving at San Francisco International Airport in July. Nationally, nearly 28 percent of flights in July arrived late.

Starting November 4th, 2007 Horizon Air will be launching a new daily, non-stop service between San Jose and Palm Springs. The collaborative marketing effort to promote these new flights began in September and will utilize local radio stations and print media to help the Palm Springs flight become successful.

- **Trash Removed from Coyote Creek**

Almost two tons of debris were removed from a stretch of Coyote Creek between Remillard Court/ Senter Road and Highway 280/ Selma Olinder Park during the latest joint project with the Water District on August 28th. Two large rafts of debris were removed during the clean-up as well as several illegal encampments along the banks. Partnered clean-ups are made possible by pooling resources from both agencies with staff from Transportation, Police and Environmental Services representing the City.

- **Hiring Underway for Nine Code Enforcement Inspectors**

Code Enforcement is actively recruiting nine new inspectors and has convened three oral panels in preparation for the interview screening process. In addition to Code Enforcement supervisors, the panels include a member of San Jose's Neighborhoods and Project Advisory Committee, staff from the City's Fire and Housing Departments, and staff from the cities of Milpitas, Palo Alto, Cupertino and the County of Santa Clara. The new inspectors are expected to join the City by late October.

- **Coastal Cleanup Day Results**

Over 800 volunteers participated in a massive clean-up effort on September 15th that removed some 31,000 pounds of trash and 12,000 pounds of recyclables from local creeks in Santa Clara County. In San Jose, 450 pounds were removed from Lower Silver Creek; 2,000 pounds from Upper Penitencia Creek; 200 pounds from Upper Penitencia at Alum Rock; 625 pounds from Coyote Creek at 24th St.; 10,500 pounds from Coyote Creek at Remillard; 1,250 pounds from Coyote Creek at Hellyer; 3,100 pounds from Guadalupe River park; 7,800 pounds from Guadalupe River at Children's Discovery Museum; 4,000 pounds from Los Alamitos Creek at Almaden Quicksilver Park; and 250 pounds at Calero Creek at IBM.

If you missed District 10's first Greenprint Update meeting in September, this is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about our local parks and recreation programs! Let us know what you think! The updated plan will be presented in spring 2008 and will be the basis of the recreational input into the City of San Jose's General Plan. We hope to see you there!

*The City of San Jose's
Office on Aging presents the*
**Older Adult Resource Center 1st
Year Anniversary Celebration!**

Tuesday, October 23rd
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Almaden Winery Center
(5370 Chambertin Dr., 95118)

There will be a Resource Fair offering information on services for older adults, families and caregivers. This free event is open to everyone, so please join us for refreshments, door prizes, and more. **For more information, please call (408) 979-7911.**

**We're Looking For A Few Good
Volunteers!**

Are you interested in helping out in the local community? Do you have some time in the evening to spend with local teens? Would you be willing to go the extra mile for our District 10 community?

The Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle is looking for some dedicated volunteers who are willing to donate their time for several projects we are currently working on. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Eric T. Crane, the District 10 Communications Director, at eric.crane@sanjoseca.gov.

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District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events



The Second - 1st Annual Almaden Texas Hold'em Poker Benefit Tournament is here!

(and this time it's legal!!)

**Saturday, November 10th, 2007
6 pm - 11 pm**

at the Santa Clara County
Horsemen's Association
(20350 McKean Road, San Jose)

\$125 for all fun (\$100 for Hold'em, \$25 for admission and food). \$25 admission and food for non-playing hecklers. Play

for great prizes and enjoy grub and sarsaparilla from the "Sonoma Chicken Coop." **Proceeds support the Doris Dillon Children's Library and the**

Visiting Authors Speaker Series at the Almaden Library in 2008.

Must be +21 to be admitted. To learn more, visit www.AlmadenBizAssn.org or call Maneesh Reddy (408-410-3541) or Tony Thurman (408-807-5329) for more information.

Join Councilmember Nancy Pyle and Councilmember Judy Chirco at a Kiwanis Chili Competition and BBQ Dinner!

Saturday, October 27th

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Camden Community Center

(3369 Union Ave., San Jose 95124)



Sponsored by the Cambrian, South San Jose, and Willow Glen Kiwanis Clubs, an elite number of chili cooking teams will be competing for Best All Around Tasting Chili! You vote on 10 teams of Chili Competitors as they strive for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and cash prizes. **The Chili Tasting and BBQ Dinner will be \$25.00 for adults and \$12.00 for kids under 12.** Tickets will be sold at the door and you will also gain access to music, beverages and a silent auction! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else you happen to meet on the way!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Westfield Oakridge (along with Westfield Valley Fair) has partnered with the Susan G. Komen Foundation and will be raising money in support of

Hat's Off to the following individuals & groups for the month of September!

- **Westfield Oakridge** for their wildly successful E-Waste Recycling Event. They filled eight 53 foot trailers and **collected 102,472 lbs of electronic waste!**
- **The Almaden Valley Women's Club** for another amazing year at the Almaden Art & Wine Festival! The 31st year of this event featured 83 artists, 25 of which were new this year.
- **Oak Grove School District**, where the performance of their top students who take high-school-level advanced math and geometry is among the best in the Country. Their programs have also been recognized 18 times through the County School Board Association's Glenn Hoffmann Exemplary Program Awards!

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous	277-4659



breast cancer research for the month of October. For the month, Westfield Oakridge Concierge will be selling pink rubber ducks for \$5 and pink ribbon donation cards for \$1. All proceeds will go to benefit the Susan G. Komen foundation. To promote the campaign 30 three foot pink ribbons, 22x28 signs, counter cards and floor decals will decorate the center. For the month the Concierge Team will wear pink ribbon shirts. Radio advertisements promoting the campaign will air throughout the month on Mix 106.5 and KBAY.

Almaden Valley Counseling Service, Councilmember Nancy Pyle & Leland High School Present
a Community Forum

How to Keep Your Children Safe – Talking to Teens about Driving

**Wednesday, October 24, 2007
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Almaden Community Center
(6445 Camden Avenue)**

Learn about:

- Top ten causes of teen crashes
- Strategies for talking to your teen about driving
- New legal requirements on teen drivers, including provisional license regulations and cell phone laws
- Tips on safe driving

Neighborhood Center

The Almaden Community Center presents the
1st Annual Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 27th
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Almaden Library & Community Center
(6445 Camden Ave.)**

Enjoy local artists, pick a pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch, get spooked in the Haunted Hallway, and enjoy story time with the Library!

Children are encouraged to wear a costume. *General Admission and parking are free!*



Materials	
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

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District 10 is the place to be for Frightful Fun at Halloween!



For the month of October, Westfield Oakridge will feature a haunted house event in the northwest corner of the parking lot. The operating days/ hours will be on Wednesday - Sundays **beginning October 10th** from 7-10 pm Sunday- Thursday and 7-12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

In addition, **Westfield Oakridge in partnership with Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and KBay will create a safe place for South Bay parents to take their children trick-or-treating.**

On Sunday, October 28th from 1 pm - 4 pm. the park's pathways will be transformed into fun and festive trails with several trick or treat stations at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo. Families with children under 12 years old will enjoy Halloween activities, the park, food concessions, rides and the zoo. **The event is expected to draw 6,000 participants!**

On the evening of Halloween, Westfield Oakridge will open their doors to all the ghouls and goblins looking to go trick or treating! **Continuing an annual tradition, Westfield Oakridge will provide the community with a safe, well lit indoor venue for trick-or-treating.** Retailers will be encouraged to participate by passing out candy at their stores. Participating retailers will be listed on a flyer handed out to all trick-or-treaters.

Remember to have a safe and happy Halloween on behalf of Councilmember Nancy Pyle and the District 10 staff!

1st Annual Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament

Hosted in conjunction with the Almaden Advisory Council, **the 1st Annual Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 22nd, 2007 at the Almaden Golf and Country Club** (6663 Hampton Dr.). Check-in will begin at 9:30 am and tee off is at 11:00 am. The cost per player is \$150 dollars or a discounted price of \$550 for a group of four. The cost includes an official tournament gift bag, 18 holes of golf, use of a golf cart, range balls, lunch, raffle prizes and an awards ceremony. The format of the event will be a shotgun start and four person team scramble. Awards will include longest drive, putting, closest to Hole, Hole-In-One, Worst Score, and Best Score. Proceeds will benefit the Almaden Elementary School and the Childhood Obesity program. **If you are interested in being a sponsor or taking part in the tournament, please contact Andrew Judge at (408) 268-1133 for more information.**

This month a Presidential election will take place in Argentina; Pakistan will decide who follows Pervez Musharraf as president; the European Space Agency's Mars Express spacecraft, which has been circling the Red Planet for the past two Martian years (around 1,374 days) is due to complete its mission

Mon., Oct. 1st: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association ([AVCA](#)) meeting
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Wed., Oct. 3rd: 9:45 am - 11:00am
[Almaden Senior Association](#) Monthly Meeting
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Wed., Oct. 3rd: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Wed., Oct. 3rd: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Ave

Monday, Oct. 8th, 2007: **Columbus Day**

Thurs., Oct. 1st: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
[Santa Teresa Foothills](#) Neighborhood Association
Southside Community Center

Wed., Oct. 17th: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
[Hoffman Via Monte](#) Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.



Councilmember Nancy Pyle joins school board trustee Leslie Reynolds, SJUSD Superintendent Don Iglesias, school board trustee Veronica Lewis, Parks Commission Chair Melanie Richardson, Ben Yurman-Glaser from Mayor Chuck Reed's Office, Leland Principal Bob Setterlund, and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Cynthia Bojoquez at the groundbreaking of Leland High School's new Sports Field Complex. For more information, please visit www.sjUSD.org/pdf/press_releases/Leland_Sports_Complex.pdf.

"There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics and the Great Pumpkin."

— Linus Van Pelt in *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*

"October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book."

~ John Sinor

Thurs., Oct. 18th: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
D10 Greenprint Community Meeting

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Mon., Oct. 22nd: 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Safe Graystone Neighborhood Community Forum

Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Ave

Tues., Oct. 23rd: 7:30 - 9:00 pm
VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Vista Park Community Room; Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

Thurs., Nov. 1st: 8:00 - 9:30 am
ABA Breakfast Meeting

Amato's Pizzeria; 6081 Meridian Ave # A



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